

House Resolution No. 2994

Whereas, it is with profound respect and admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have dedicated themselves to meeting the needs of others; and

Whereas, on Sunday, May 18, 2003, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Joplin, Missouri, Sister Suzanna Jones of the Benedictine Order will renew her commitment to a life of service to the poor, sick, uneducated, or disadvantaged members of society; and

Whereas, Sister Suzanna will be joined in her renewal of vows by her colleagues, Sister Mary Corita Holmes, Sister Mary Angelene Schram, and Sister Mary Ernest La Forge, all of whom have contributed a combined 235 years of service to the Joplin community and others; and

Whereas, one of the Benedictines for fifty years, Sister Suzanna Jones utilizes the venue of law in the performance of her heartfelt duties; and

Whereas, a local attorney, Sister Suzanna Jones also is a teacher at the St. Mary's Catholic Church parish school and a member of the church choir; and

Whereas, Sister Suzanna has given herself to a celibate lifestyle in which she has set aside many material possessions in order to be unencumbered for the work she does for Joplin's citizens in need; and

Whereas, through her simple lifestyle, Sister Suzanna Jones has provided a model of ethical living for the sake of a broader purpose, has demonstrated the value of a life well-lived, and has taught how to live in harmony and interdependence with all of creation; and

Whereas, in her renewal of vows, Sister Suzanna Jones is restating her desire to seek justice and to share compassion with all of those with whom she comes in contact:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to commend Sister Suzanna Jones for her fifty years of selfless service with the Order of St. Benedict and to convey to her this legislative body's genuine best wishes for many more years of loving, productive service to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Sister Suzanna Jones of Joplin, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Ronald F Richard
District No. 129

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2994, adopted May 16, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker